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Dear Jeremy,

A copy of the New York Times 12/23 story on the disclosure of the JCS records in yesteday's mail reminded me of my interview of General James Gavin in early June of 1967 or 1968. What I remember of that suggests that there may be additional similar records in other army files or in personal archives.

I was asked in an emergency, the man who owned the syndicated show not having turned up, to do the interviews at the annual American Booksellers Association convention for Authors' Roundtable. One of those who had a book that had just appeared was General Gavin.

In the course of the interview he confirmed that JFK had ordered that 1,000 of our men be returned from VN by the end of the year. He went farthur. He told me that JFK had called generals in to persuade them.

The argument he told me JFK used stick in my mind because it was so simple and yet so true. He told the generals he called in that the problem in VN was political and not military and then asked, "What can I do to convince you," or "what can I say," I'm now not certain which,"that political problems are not susceptible of military solutions?"

How I wish it were possible for me to go overthose disclosed JCS records that relate to the withrdawal alone.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg